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Working of the modified form of compulsory education.

*468 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state in how many places the new modified form of compulsion as enacted by the beginning of this year has been introduced; what those places are and when such compulsion has been introduced in each of such places, and how the scheme is working in each of such places?

A.—The modified form of compulsory elementary education has not as yet been introduced in any area.

Inspection of elementary schools by District Educational Officers during the last triennium.

*469 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the number of elementary schools visited during the last three years by the District Educational Officers in the respective districts districtwar?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the District Educational Officers ever visited the elementary schools at all? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is not part of their normal duty. They exercise the general power of supervision over deputy inspectors. They may visit some schools."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Is it a fact that there is a provision in the rules that the District Educational Officer should visit 10 per cent of the schools? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Not as far as I know."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Does not the Government think it desirable that some of the schools are inspected by the District Educational Officer? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It would be desirable that they inspect these schools if it was possible for them and if they had the time. I do not think it is possible for them to inspect any considerable number of schools."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" In view of the fact that a lot of corruption is prevailing among the deputy inspectors, may I know whether it would not be desirable on the part of the Government to insist upon a certain percentage of elementary schools being visited every year by the District Educational Officer? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not admit the premises."